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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

WOMEN'S HATS

On the women's page of our November 27 issue there was a small item duly credited to the New York Times, telling how a reporter asked 8 women on Fifth Avenue why they didn't wear hats. The reporter summed up the experience by saying that "although the reasons given sounded valid, it was clear that each woman had stopped trying on hats or even considering what a hat might do for her."

On our editorial page in this issue will be found a letter from Miss Draper of the Hat Workers Union commenting on that item republished from the New York Times. Her letter is goodhumored but firm—by gosh, people ought to wear hats!

Her smiling disapproval of such an item as we republished, it should be said, is very different from the attitude of union people who come in here and say that if Margolius in his Consumers' column on the women's page ever again says anything against some product the complainant's union works at manufacturing, then, by heck, the said union will start a boycott against East Bay Labor Journal.

EDITORS WONDER . . .

In fact, there never was an editor yet who didn't wonder how a paper gets published at all, there are so many special interests of concern to its readers. And sometimes the editor of a labor paper wonders whether the labor movement is destined to become primarily one more propaganda medium for the various products its members work at manufacturing.

Over and over again it needs to be said that we don't know yet how firmly the labor movement in California is going to back Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson in her efforts, with the backing of Governor Brown, to stop, or at least moderate, the gypping of labor people, along with others, as consumers. Who knows yet how many unions may protest that she and the Governor are taking the bread out of union people's mouths if some salesman's racket or other involving a union-made product is exposed?

GRATITUDE FELT

Whatever the answer may be to that question, meanwhile let's be grateful to Miss Draper for writing a goodhumored letter instead of throwing a boycott bomb.

Small favors gratefully received!

RESISTOL HATS, sold at Smith's and at Hasting in Oakland, are nonunion, the Hatters Union has notified the Central Labor Council: "Please don't buy!"

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

BTC asks State to solve tight money problem

J. L. Childers, business representative of the Building Trades Council, at this week's meeting of the council made the following statement, and the delegates approved the recommendation included in it:

"The tight money policy is still on and most financial observers agree that the policy will continue for some time yet. This policy of the Federal Government will continue to cut down on employment in the building industry, particularly home building.

"It is high time for the State of California to take positive action in this field. This past month the State of Pennsylvania did take action and their program could easily be adopted by this State.

"It certainly appears that effective relief for the building industry in the next year at least will not come from the Federal Government. We cannot and should not rely any longer on Washington to help. Ten years of disappointment should be enough.

"We can help ourselves. I urge the Building Trades Council to call upon the Governor to call a special meeting of the Legislature to enact legislation necessary to make mortgage money available to middle income prospective home owners broadly along the lines of the Pennsylvania law.

"The Pennsylvania law provides that the State sell bonds to supply funds for FHA insured mortgages for people in the \$4,800 to \$7,600 per year income brackets at about 5 1/4 percent interest. The present FHA maximum rate is 6 1/4 percent.

"This can be done at no cost to the State and no risk. The present Cal-Vet Loan program

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John L. to retire as Miner's chief

John L. Lewis, for 39 years president of the United Mine Workers of America, independent, will retire early in 1960 at the age of 80, he announced in the current issue of the United Mine Workers Journal. The news was promptly flashed all over the country by the press services.

Tom Kennedy, vice president of the UMW, aged 72, will automatically succeed him.

Lewis in the 'thirties helped to finance with UMW funds the organizing of mass industries, and was president of the resultant CIO until he quarreled with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, backed Willkie, said he would resign as CIO head if FDR won, and did so resign.

His two-word scrawl to the late Bill Green, then AFL head, himself a former official of the UMW, "We disaffiliate," made the UMW independent ever since, with its District 50 conducting occasional raids on other unions.

WARNING: Do not trust statements in press: Wait for Regulations!

Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council issued a warning to the delegates and their unions at this week's meeting. He said that Secretary of Labor Mitchell and various bonding companies were issuing statements quoted in the press as to union officers' bonding requirements under the new Labor Act and on other matters covered by it, but that courts may decide Secretary Mitchell, for example, had no right to make the statements.

Write to John F. Ryan, Mitchell's man in the Appraiser building, San Francisco, keep a copy of your letter and his answer, if in doubt, said Ash, on any point. But wait for those signed official regulations!

Hoffa attack on Cohelan stirs reply at the CLC

"Cohelan on Hoffa's Purge List," said the headline on the front page of the Friday, December 11, San Francisco Examiner.

The story told of the denunciation of Congressman Jeffery Cohelan of the 7th District in Alameda County by James R. Hoffa, president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, while he was visiting San Francisco.

Hoffa was criticizing Cohelan for voting for the final Senate-House conference version of the Labor-Management Act of 1959. The Examiner labor reporter, Ray Christiansen, himself inserted this statement on the matter.

"Cohelan, an official of an Oakland Teamster local for many years, fought the bill until the AFLCIO spread the word that it had obtained amendments which removed the bill's worst features, and would not expect 'friends of labor' to vote against the conference measure."

The Examiner's page one splash lining up Hoffa against Cohelan was referred to as a "spectacle" at the meeting of the Central Labor Council by Secretary Robert S. Ash.

Ash had been reviewing the political problems organized labor faces. He said that since the defeat of the "right to work" proposal in the November 1958 election it had been hard to get a quorum at meetings of the local COPE (Council on Political Education); that right now the "right to work" crowd is launching a campaign to bring up the issue again by trying to elect enough Assemblymen and State Senators to put it through the Legislature.

The CLC executive secretary went on to say that the anti-labor forces, heartened by their success in passing the restrictive Labor Act, are now conspiring to get industrial relations back to where they were before the passage of the Wagner Act in New Deal days.

He cited the importation of strikebreakers in Portland, Ore-

gon, where the Oregonian and the Journal are being run by scabs, and by paying \$24,000 premiums, the two managements, publishing jointly during the strike of stereotypers, can collect as much as \$1,000,000 strike insurance through the publishers association.

Then Ash asked the delegates just who any of them thought could be elected to replace Cohelan in the 7th Congressional District who would be a better friend of labor than Cohelan.

"I don't like the way he voted on the final version of the bill, either," declared Ash. "But please stop and consider the list of people the anti-labor people will be canvassing in order to figure which one of them will run against Cohelan in the 1960 election, and then decide which one of them you'd prefer to Cohelan!"

One labor man who is a strong supporter of Cohelan commented outside the CLC meeting: "If Jimmy Hoffa keeps on running against Jeff Cohelan, Jeff's reelection is a walk-in!"

Martin and Kovacevich and Weber reelected by Steamfitters Local 342

Steamfitters' Local Union 342 held their general election of officers, Sunday, December 13, with 831 members out of 1184 eligible voters casting their vote.

Jim Martin was reelected business manager with 550 votes, over J. R. "Tuck" Tucker, 228, and O. T. "Curly" Davis, 45.

Business Representative Lou Kovacevich was also reelected, receiving 480 votes over his opponent Vernon Turley's 319.

Business Representative Bill Weber was reelected with 394 votes over George Edwards, who had 378.

Installation of officers will be held January 7, 1960, with the old-time members being honored. Refreshments will be served.

Plumbers 444 election report is on Page Four

Plumbers Local 444 held their election of officers for 1960 and 1961 Saturday, December 12.

Business Manager Ben H. Beynon's report on the election will be found on page 4.

Senator Engle assails steel owners policy

Developments in the steel strike this week included:

• U. S. Senator Clair Engle, Democrat, California, sent out a statement that "the time has come for the steel makers of America to act in the public interest by reconsidering their refusal of the Secretary of Labor's proposal that they submit the contract deadlock to a third party."

• The Central Labor Council voted to set up its executive committee as a special committee to canvass all affiliated unions on just what they're doing to carry out the AFLCIO convention's request that every member of every AFLCIO union contribute an hour's pay per month to the Steel Strike Fund for the duration.

• The CLC voted to send letters of protest to Groucho Marx, Jack Paar, and Marx's main sponsor for the attack on the steel strikers made recently on the Paar TV show by Groucho.

• The AFLCIO News Service heralded the Steelworkers settlement with the American Can and Continental Can as leaving without change in the contract "past practice" clauses which are "essentially similar to contract provisions in steel management's assault on basic work rules," and Tony Polveroso of the Steelworkers told the CLC delegates of some of the interesting clauses in the new contract.

Senator Engle in his statement declared that if "the companies persist in their unyielding attitude . . . the American public will have to assume that the steel companies want to precipitate resumption of the strike when the 80-day Taft-Hartley injunction ends in late January."

The decision of the Central Labor Council to check on just what its affiliates are doing to help build the Steel Strike Fund authorized by the AFLCIO convention in San Francisco followed receipt of a letter from AFLCIO President Meany urging action to stimulate this work.

During the discussion Joe W.

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HOURLY PAY PER MONTH TO STEEL STRIKE FUND

The AFLCIO in September asked every member of every affiliated union to contribute one hour's pay per month for the duration, to the Steel Strike Fund. President Meany says that the need for this fund is still more urgent now, so that the strike can be continued if necessary after the January 26 ending of the period of T-H enforced labor.

Send your checks to your international union office, made out to AFLCIO Strike Fund; or to your local union office; or pay the cash to your local union office, getting a receipt indicating that the payment is for the Steel Strike Fund.

HOW TO BUY

Food tough budget problem

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

Food bills rank today as one of the biggest financial problems for moderate-income families, a recent survey by the Metropolitan New York Consumer Council found. Only housing and medical care are as much a source of concern, reported both the families and the educational directors of unions, credit unions and family agencies questioned in the survey.

Eating costs are even more troublesome in a number of other cities. New York is about average. A market basket of 12 food staples checked by this reporter averaged \$5.34 for the U. S. as a whole, but much more in some cities, especially the Pacific Coast. Here are costs of the market basket in various representative cities, based on Bureau of Labor Statistics reports:

Atlanta, \$5.32; Boston, \$5.52; Chicago, \$5.23; Cleveland, \$5.32; Detroit, \$5.37; Kansas City, \$5.12; Los Angeles, \$5.89; Minneapolis, \$5.48; New York, \$5.34; Pittsburgh, \$5.57; Portland, \$5.58; St. Louis, \$5.32; San Francisco, \$5.83; Washington, D. C., \$5.35.

Food spending of different families varies greatly. U. S. Agriculture Department home economists calculate that the typical U. S. family currently spends about \$8.50 a week per person for food. But the Consumer Council found some families spending as little as \$7.50 per person, and some as much, actually, as \$12 and \$14. That big an expenditure need not be.

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buyer for Eastern consumer co-
operatives, recently offered out
of his own many years of experi-
ence, these tips for keeping
down food bills:

1—Don't let advertisers and
merchandising experts persuade
you to buy merchandise you
don't really need or that isn't
suitable.

2—Buy the grade best suited
to your cooking purposes. Gen-
erally there are three grades. In
canned goods, the three qualities
are sometimes labeled Grade A,
B or C. Chief differences are in
appearance and sometimes in
texture or tenderness, but not in
nourishment. The economy grade
C is just as nutritious as the
costly Grade A.

3—"We've been conditioned to
buy everything under a nation-
ally-advertised brand name," Mr.
Castner warns. He advises look-
ing for the unadvertised brands
of canned goods and other gro-
ceries.

4—In comparing different
brands of canned foods, note the
amount of liquid. The Govern-
ment sets a minimum fill for
the drained net weight.

5—Check the number of
ounces on the container even
though various brands seem to
be the same size. The assump-
tion by manufacturers is that
most housewives are poor at
arithmetic and don't want to
make the necessary comparisons
of weights.

6—Instant coffees are cheaper
because they can use the lower
grades of coffee such as African.
There is a difference in quality
in instant coffees too, although
six or seven widely-sold brands
do come from the same roasting
plant and are much the same.

7—You also have to watch out
for the tendency of manufac-
turers to do additional proces-
sing which adds little to value
and sometimes even diminishes
quality. Manufacturers "stabil-
ized" peanut butter by mixing
shortening with it so the oil
won't separate. Some brands be-
come so adulterated that the
Food and Drug Administration
recently stepped in and said they
could no longer be called peanut
butter, and established stand-
ards.

8—More humbugging occurs in
frozen foods than even in
canned. Mr. Castner warns. He
especially questions the need for
such products as frozen soups
and pineapple concentrate.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

A FEDERAL STUDY made re-
cently found youngsters between
the ages of 9 and 11, in the
fourth, fifth, and sixth grades,
"going steady," wearing lipstick
and nylon stockings, and wear-
ing an air of sophistication in
general that made one assume
they were already completely
self-possessed and ready with
worldly wisdom to meet any
problems that might confront
them.

But this Federal Office of
Education study did not end
there: it also found that these
youngsters, outwardly such
hardboiled little creatures, were
burdened by "inner anxieties,"
and in desperate need of adult
reassurances.

ONE WRITER, commenting on
this, says that "parents have
spared nobody but themselves in
their appraisal of the reason for
their children's premature so-
phistication." They blame tele-
vision, the public schools, and
"other parents," who, they say,
plan parties for children that
require lipstick and nylon stock-
ings, and consist of chacha
dancing and kissing games.

But many of these same par-
ents who feel that not they, but
the teevee, the school, and "other
parents" are to blame, will admit
that they feel their children are
over sophisticated.

MANY A MOTHER, however,
thrills with pride when she sees
her little daughter so dolled up
that she looks like a glittering
imitation of a grown woman who
is herself a glittering imitation
of a Hollywood showgirl, who, by
the way, is a glittering imitation
of what?

See letter on women's hats!

Please turn to the editorial
page, and read the letter on
whether women do, should, or
will wear hats!

MARITAL STATUS? That was
the question. So the young man,
applying for a position as teach-
er, did not hesitate, but wrote
down promptly the one good
answer to the query: "Eligible!"

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tinuing developments in labor-
saving fabrics in the home fur-
nishings field as research con-
tinues to work on the improve-
ments already made.

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to rayons and cottons before the
fiber is woven, or during the
weaving process. Chlorine
bleaches formerly yellowed resin
finished fabrics. Now, the resin
finish has been perfected so it
won't retain chlorine, and con-
sequently will not yellow. All
housewives should read instruc-
tions before laundering.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

SOME SUPERWOMEN, at this
distracting season of the year,
are seen to sit down and fold
their hands and smugly an-
nounce that they have done all
their Christmas shopping long,
long ago, the gifts are all
wrapped, the cards all written,
addressed and stamped and now
all they have to do is to "enjoy
Christmas."

Fortunately, there aren't many
people like that. We say "for-
tunately," for if most of us were
that way, Christmas would com-
pletely disappear, drowned in
such an ocean of super-effici-
ency.

Not that we advocate leaving
everything until the last mo-
ment. But most of us, being hu-
man, even if we consider our-
selves relatively efficient, find
ourselves, at this happy season,
in a bit of a rush and huddle.

We may have bought our cards
long ago, planning to start writ-
ing them the day after Thanks-
giving. Of course, we didn't! Per-
haps we bought a few gifts, and
thought ourselves very much
ahead of the game.

But most of the shopping is
still to be done, the gifts to be
wrapped, the cards to be written,
the tree to be bought and
trimmed, the wreath for the
door fixed up, and not least,
preparations for the Dinner.

Thus, with the deadline upon
us the Spirit of Christmas really
takes hold of us, and we merrily
dash about and make up for
lost time!

And always we resolve to be,
not like these superwomen who
do everything months ahead, but
just moderately efficient, just
reasonably ahead.

And every year it is the same.
We just barely make it! Why?

Well, perhaps the truth is we
like it that way. We like excite-
ment of the jostling crowds, the
jingle of the bells, the sound of
carols on the air. And it is a real
thrill when we realize that we've
made it once again. A bit of the
Scrooge in us says "never again,"
but we know Scrooge will not
prevail.

In the lands of our forefathers
in olden times, and perhaps to
some extent, even today, the
"twelve days of Christmas" were
a time for merry-making and
riotous frolic.

We do it a little differently to-
day, but it is still the Spirit of
Christmas, our once - a - year
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Election is held by the Automotive Machinists Lodge

With many officers nominated without opposition, and therefore automatically reelected, Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 have in regular election chosen a trustee, executive board, law and legislative committee, trust and welfare committee, and delegates to various bodies.

Trustee — Don Crosman was elected, defeating Roy A. Diebler and Lloyd A. Sleeper.

Executive Board — Elected: "Andy" Anderson, Claude Carnahan, Jack Clark, Don Crosman, Chris Dixon, Pat Hannon, Don Kirkbride, Bud Madeiros, Al Paganini, Harlow Schroll, Lloyd A. Sleeper, M. Vice. Other candidates were Richard Rogers and Roy Wigg.

Law & Legislative Committee — Elected: "Andy" Anderson, Claude Carnahan, M. F. "Mac" Damas, Pat Hannon, Bob Moss, Richard Rogers, Lloyd A. Sleeper. Another candidate was Al Paganini.

Trust & Welfare Committee — Elected: Ernie Andrews, Jack Clark, Don Crosman, M. F. "Mac" Damas, A. J. Hayes, Bud Madeiros, E. H. Vernon. Another candidate was Claude Carnahan.

Delegates, California Conference of Machinists and California Labor Federation — Elected: Jack Clark; M. F. "Mac" Damas, A. J. Hayes, Bud Williams; first alternate, Ernie Andrews; second alternate, C. L. "Mac" McMonagle. Other candidates were Nick Antone, Harry Lear, and Lloyd A. Sleeper.

Delegates, Central Labor Council — Elected: Nick Antone, Claude Carnahan, Don Crosman, Pat Hannon, A. J. Hayes, C. L. "Mac" McMonagle, Bob Moss, G. A. Thomas, E. H. Vernon, Bud Williams. Other candidates were Lloyd A. Sleeper, Roy Wigg.

Following were the officers who previous to the December 1 election had been nominated without opposition:

President, M. E. Francis; vice president, Bob Moss; recording secretary, A. J. Hayes; financial secretary, M. F. "Mac" Damas; treasurer, Ernie Andrews; conductor, Joe Pandolfo; sentinel, W. Bill Sweno.

General Business Representative — E. H. Vernon; assistant business representatives — Bud Williams, C. L. "Mac" McMonagle, Harry Lear, Nick Antone, Ed. T. Merritt.

Crusaders praise organized labor

Organized labor was saluted Thursday, December 10, at the eighth annual meeting of the Alameda County United Fund for the major part it played in helping the United Crusade in the county achieve its goal.

Crusade Campaign Chairman Nils Eklund said that the Crusade would reach its goal, \$2,627,358, this year, first time since the United Fund was organized eight years ago. Eklund reminded his hearers of the stand taken by the Central Labor Council: only one drive endorsed—that of the United Crusade.

At the same meeting three labor representatives were named to serve three years each on the United Fund board of directors. They were: J. L. Childers, business representative of the Building Trades Council; William Drohan, international representative of the IUE; and Arthur Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

Hellender was praised for his work as drive's vice chairman.

Trib's Guild Unit officers elected

The new Oakland Tribune Unit of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild has elected Havelock Hunter, rewrite man, as chairman; Edgar West, chief copy editor, as vice chairman; Brenda Morrissey, women's department editor, as secretary; and Leonard Blaikie, rewrite man, as treasurer.

The Guild was established in the Tribune November 20, when the vote was 125 for the Guild in the NLRB election, and 51 for the Oakland Tribune Editorial Employees Association.

Negotiations with management for a contract began December 1.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Names of 70 scabs in Portland paper strike published

The Portland Oregonian and the Oregon Journal were struck by the stereotypers November 10. Both papers are being printed in the Oregonian's plant with scab labor. The Oregon Labor Press in its December 4 issue reported:

Professional strikebreakers are working in Portland.

Names and home towns of more than 70 of them are published on this page.

Most of them come from the Deep South and Southwest.

They are imported by the Oregonian and Oregon Journal to take the jobs of the striking members of the Stereotypers' Union. They have also taken the jobs of printers, engravers, pressmen, mailers and paper handlers who are honoring the Stereotypers' picket lines.

Elimination of the unions from the mechanical departments of the Oregonian and Journal is the motive of the Portland publishers.

Strike insurance, which can pay the Portland publishers up to \$500,000 over an eight-week period, provides the financial backing.

Provoke a strike, collect the strike insurance and call in a flying squad of professional strikebreakers. This is the pattern being followed by publishers all over the country. If the unions are divided and the general public misled, then the union-busting publisher is successful.

Who are the strikebreakers? Where did they come from? What is the role of the American Newspaper Publishers Association?

Bob Ash preparing for session in a hospital

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash will enter hospital after the holidays for an operation to make "some needed repairs." He will be back, he figures, by February 1.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT STEEL BUND: THEY STILL MAKE MONEY

Despite the strike, the steel industry is expected to register good profits this year. Associated Press has pointed out that even if the companies fail to show profits, tax laws would virtually guarantee them against losses. Under "carry-back" provisions of the law, the companies could apply losses against taxes paid on profits since 1956. The provisions of the tax law, apparently, have had a real bearing on the attitude of the industry.—IUD Fact Sheet.

Paint Makers pact quickly agreed on

The contract of Paint Makers 1101 with a group of independents was scheduled to expire December 1, but already, by November 19, an agreement had been reached on a three-year contract.

Pete Ceremello reported this to the Central Labor Council this week. He said that it indicated that some real confidence in mutual integrity had developed between some of the companies and the union, which he considered very encouraging.

Ceremello contrasted this with the attitude shown by the C. K. Williams Company, against which the union had to wage a long strike some years ago, and which now is trying, said Ceremello, to get the union to agree to give up many of the provisions won in that long struggle. The Williams contract expires January 15.

The new contract with the independents provides for an increase of 5% in pay per hour the first year, 4% the next year, and 3½% the third.

Two paid holidays are added, bringing the total to nine, and in addition there are important new provisions in the pay for jury duty clauses.

The Williams Company wishes to make no pay increase, he said.

Nelson reelected by Milk Drivers; runoff on trustee

Bill Nelson was reelected a business representative of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Local 302 for a three-year term in the election held December 11.

Nelson got 602 votes, Ray Cirmeli 391, and Boyd Murphy 136.

A runoff election is being held today (Friday) for a trustee for a three-year term, the two candidates being Ben Berke, who got 319 votes in the December 11 election, and David Klugman, who got 294.

Sam Palmeri, with 267 votes, and Patrick Hancock, with 237, were eliminated from the race for trustee. Under the rules of the local, a candidate must get a majority of all votes cast in order to win an office.

There were 1141 votes cast, Secretary - Treasurer Albert Brown announced.

A WORD OF THANKS TO LOCAL 302 MEMBERS

I would like to thank all of you sincerely for your support and efforts on my behalf in the election of December 11. Your help was certainly very much appreciated. I would also at this time like to wish all of you a very joyous Christmas and a bright New Year.

Yours fraternally,
BILL NELSON

IUE wins contract at Girard-Hopkins

A three-week strike of IUE Local 1506 against the Girard-Hopkins plant at 1000 Fortieth Avenue culminated in a tentative two-year agreement.

William Drohan of the IUE staff says that it provides for a 20-cent hourly pay boost, effective December 3 for the whole period of the contract.

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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The results of this union's general election of officers held Sunday, December 13, 1959, showed that 831 out of 1184 eligible members cast their votes, electing the following officers:

President, John "Jack" Matheis; Vice-President, Don Stallings; Financial Secretary and Business Manager, Jim Martin; Business Representative Number 1, Lou Kovacevich; Business Representative Number 2, Bill Weber, Sr.

Treasurer, John Brogan; Recording Secretary, Ernie Boyer. Executive Board, LaVern C. Furman, Larry Schwab, Tony J. Brown.

Board of Trustees, Jim Martin, John "Jack" Matheis, Lou Kovacevich.

Finance Committee, Frank Larson; Labor Temple Assn., Jim Martin; Examining Board Steamfitters, M. B. "Buck" Blair; Examining Board Welders, Gene G. Blalock; Examining Board Refrigeration, John B. Dulle; Examining Board At Large, Frank Nicholls.

Apprentice Committee, Ernie Boyer, J. R. "Tuck" Tucker, Floyd H. Coffman.

Skilled Improvement Committee, John "Jack" Matheis, J. R. "Tuck" Tucker, Vincent F. Cooper.

Inside Sentinel, Harold Modlin; Welfare Committee, Andy Comphel.

Bay Cities Metal Trades, Don McPetridge.

Central Labor Council, Jim Martin, John A. Davy, C. D. Gibson, John "Jack" Matheis, Martin "Marty" Scott.

Building Trades Council (Alameda County), Jim Martin, Lou Kovacevich, John A. Davy, John "Jack" Matheis.

Building Trades Council (Contra Costa County), Jim Martin, Lou Kovacevich, Bill Weber, Sr., J. R. "Tuck" Tucker, George Machado.

California Pipe Trades Convention, Jim Martin, John "Jack" Matheis, Lou Kovacevich, Don Stallings, J. R. "Tuck" Tucker, Bill Weber, Sr.

We wish to apologize to the voters for the delay in the voting procedure. We were advised that 8 voting machines would be sufficient to handle this union's

election, however, we found that 8 voting machines were inadequate and this will be corrected at our next election.

Installation of officers will be held Thursday, January 7, 1960. The old time members of this union will be honored, also the graduating apprentices of this union will be awarded their certificates.

Upon conclusion of the Installation Ceremonies, a buffet supper will be served.

In behalf of Business Representative Lou Kovacevich and Bill Weber, the two office girls, Kay and Midge, I wish to extend to the members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

As is the usual procedure, there is no meeting in San Francisco during the month of December. Therefore we are reminding those of you who are used to paying your dues at the meeting to mail your dues in to the office.

We have had numerous inquiries regarding the steel strike assessment, and we must officially notify you that it is not a compulsory payment, only voluntary. Nevertheless, we feel that it is important enough that each and every member should make his one hour's pay per month donation.

Through the means of this column, all the officers of the organization extend the season's greetings to all the members of our organization, and may I add my own personal wishes for a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local No. 444 held their election of officers for the years of 1960-1961 on Saturday, December 12, 1959. We also elected our delegates to the California State Pipe Trades convention for the year of 1960. Any other conventions that may be held in 1960 other than a United Association convention,

the delegates called for will be taken for such conventions in the order that they are elected to attend the California Pipe Trades convention. The names of those elected are printed in bold face type and the number of votes received by each candidate follows his name:

President, **Dominick J. Mooney** 168; Vice-President, **George Hess** 166.

Business Manager & Financial Secretary-Treasurer, **Ben H. Beynon** 167; **Business Representative**, **Arthur M. Cleary** 159; **Bert J. Porter** 144; **Homer McGrew** 52.

Recording Secretary, **Virgil C. Olson** 167; Inside Guard, **Russell Nelson** 159; Executive Board, **Clyde Cole** 102; **Willis Mills** 91; **Howard Connelly** 61; **James Van Haur** 57; **James Russell** 53.

Examining Board, **Gerald Stacy** 147; **Emil Christensen** 141; **Earl Davis** 135; **John Peterson** 131; **Wally Hicks** 112; **John Amess** 111; **Herb Ross** 91.

Finance Committee, **George Ellis** 164; Outside Guard, **James M. Cahill** 161.

Delegates to Local Building Trades Council, **Ben H. Beynon** 157; **Dominick J. Mooney** 156; **Arnold Heinson** 145; **John Newton** 137; **Ralph Schappert** 92.

Negotiating Committee, **George Hess** 164; **Bert J. Porter** 147; **Arthur M. Cleary** 146; **John V. Klein** 81.

Delegate to Labor Temple Association, **Seymour Bachman** 152.

Delegates to California State Pipe Trades Convention (1960), **Ben H. Beynon** 144; **Arthur M. Cleary** 131; **Dominick J. Mooney** 115; **Bert J. Porter** 115; **George Hess** 111; **John Garavanta** 97; **Mike Cahill** 95; **Seymour Bachman** 81; **Clyde Cole** 69; **Willis Mills** 56.

Out of a membership of 1059, we had 718 eligible voters of which 194 voted.

In behalf of the office staff, we wish the members and their families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

I apologize for not having a report in last month but due to illness and unforeseen circumstances I was unable to make a report.

The first December meeting was called to order by President Neyhouse. After attending the usual order of business on the agenda we proceeded to the election of officers. President-elect Eleanor Noell and Vice President-elect Ruth Downs should have a very good coming year with the officers who were elected to assist them. Those who did not attend missed a very pleasant evening as everything went so smoothly and we all had a lot of fun. I would say and I think everyone would agree with me, it was one of the most congenial

meetings we have had in a long time.

Sister Nell Blanford was called to Oklahoma due to the illness of both her parents. We all hope it is not too serious.

Our President Neyhouse is not too well and may have to be hospitalized though we all hope not.

Sisters Margaret Copeland and Katy Stewart are reported not to be too well. Sisters Matilda Bartmess and Isabel Helmut are reported to be on the mend after being in the hospital for operations.

We are glad to hear that Past President Mable Balli's husband, brother Jack is doing nicely after a very serious operation.

The sewing club met at sister Martha Pettit's and completed their sewing schedule for the year. There will be no December meeting as they are planning on having the next meeting at Jack London Square for luncheon.

The Past Presidents met at my home for the November meeting. Our Christmas Party will be at sister Eve Hare's home.

The third Thursday of December will be the Auxiliary Christmas party. Everyone who can attend please bring a gift valued at one dollar and be sure and put a card with your name on the INSIDE of the package.

That's thirty for now. In this busy shopping season, be sure and watch for the union label.

Steel Machinists I304

By DAVE ARCA

1959 has been a year of imposition upon workers. We've had the Landrum-Griffin Law enacted. Taft-Hartley injunction imposed on Steelworkers, local judges enjoining picketing, lockouts, and now the crowning indignity. A top ranking comedian criticizes steelworkers in our struggle against management.

Groucho Marx, on the Jack Paar Show, asked the viewing audience, "What more do the steelworkers want?" Groucho is noted for his sharp ad lib. But he exhibited a deep ignorance of the issues at hand.

Steelworkers want to retain working rules and conditions won over decades of negotiations.

As for inflation, Steelworkers wages have not been increased for 17 months, yet the cost of living has steadily risen.

Why are we held responsible? As a Strike analyst, Groucho is an excellent Buffoon.

We wonder who wrote his script?

To our working members, if you can spare some canned goods or cash, send it in to the Union office by Friday, December 18th. We want to assist our needy members to at least a Holiday meal.

Merry Christmas.

Consumer warning: Promotion costly!

Beware of being promoted to some new job in another location and with a higher salary. That, says Art Hellender, assistant CLC secretary, was discussed at a recent consumer conference. Because moving, and financing a new home, cost so much more now. The higher pay may not make up the extra cost.

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

Just a week before Christmas and I suppose that we should all be full of Christmas cheer. But how in the devil can you be cheerful when you have to fight moonlighters, so-called reform laws and discrimination.

Speaking of discrimination, we notice that many of our higher officials in government, State and labor are making a lot of noise about the so-called minority groups. How about the other groups, minority or majority, who after they reach the ripe old age of 45 or 50, are told there is no place for you, because you are too old? If that is not discrimination I would like to know what is! Even in our own local union some of our younger members say get rid of those old B's, we don't need them any more. Hope they will all stay young.

Brother Cavanaugh has just returned from a trip in Mexico, purpose was to see if real estate and living costs were any cheaper. He informs us that he is glad to be back, that autos have no lights, especially when there are buses and jackasses on the road. The food not so good, señoritas fair, and they always furnish a basin of water to wash your hands in. For more information about Mexico see Walter.

In closing I would like to send the season's greetings to all members, their families and friends, also to members of other unions who were very prominent at meetings of our union previous to the last election.

Next meeting of the union January 14, 1960.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

To put into a few words the problems we in labor circles face these coming years is just not practical. That the new Labor Act will make profound changes in our operation is inevitable. That we can change or amend the law is not probable in the light of the past performances by our friends in the halls of legislature.

To learn to live with the Act in spirit and fact will either break or make us in the next few years. It will drive us either to strength and unity or the opposite extreme in my opinion, and there won't be much so-called middle ground.

If the members don't take part in and work at our job of maintaining the union then we will stand to lose even more of our hard won gains over the years.

4-county Butcher strike under way

Union butchers went on strike December 14 against meat packing plants represented by the Central California Meat Processors Association.

Packing plants in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey counties were affected.

Earl A. Moorhead, secretary of the union in San Jose, said wage parity with Bay Area is sought.

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You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Monday night December the 21st a special meeting is being called to discuss and vote on two pertinent subjects, of much importance.

One subject refers to the payment of an increase in dues now being held in abeyance, and the other one is to retain the present premium price of our group insurance policy by a new company; or continue with the present company at an increase in the price of the premium.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

On December 18, 1959, all carpenters and their families are invited to attend a joint Carpenters 36 and Ladies Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, California.

There will be no further meetings of Local 36 until January 8, 1960.

All officers and delegates wish to take this opportunity to wish all Carpenters and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next regular meeting of December 25, 1959, has been cancelled due to the Christmas holidays. The office will be closed Saturday, December 26, 1959.

The next regular meeting will be held January 8, 1960. Let's start the New Year right by attending this meeting.

The officers of Local 40 want to wish all of our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a special wish for a prosperous year in 1960.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER
Recording Secretary

BAKERY DRIVERS 432

NOTICE OF ELECTION—Please take notice that election of candidates for the office of one Trustee will take place as follows:

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., December 29, 1959—Room 102, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

This meeting will be for all members.

To be eligible to vote, a member must have his dues paid up through the month in which the elections are held.

To be eligible for office, members must be in continuous good standing for a period of two years prior to elections.

Copies of the rules governing the elections are available at the local union office.

Fraternally yours,
JOE B. WANGBERG,
President
LES BENHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Business Representative

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The annual Children's Christmas party will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Saturday, December 19.

Being the halls are not large enough to accommodate the expected attendance at the same time the following arrangements have been made: If possible, the parents with children ages 2 to 7 years are requested to bring them for the 2 p.m. program and those with children 7 years and older are requested to bring them for the 7 p.m. program.

The Friday, December 18 regular meeting has been cancelled because of the Christmas party December 19 and the Friday, December 25 regular meeting has been cancelled because of Christmas.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

MILLMEN 550

Due to the holidays, no meeting of this local union will be held until January 15, 1960.

Fraternally,
GEORGE WHITE,
President
JACK ARCHIBALD,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, December 17, 1959, at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

We still need to nominate two welfare committeemen and to elect a law and legislative committeeman, and a COPE delegate.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Meeting Friday, December 18, 1959, 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, Hall "C" Oakland.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of U. C. Employees, Local 371, will be held at Colombo Hall, 5321. Claremont avenue, Oakland at 11:00 a.m., January 9, 1959. Executive board will meet at same place at 10:30 a.m.

The polls will be open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. to allow the Saturday members to vote on the election of officers for 1960.

Contact Brother Leyman who is chairman of the election committee for your ballots. You must register at meeting place to receive your ballot to vote.

Fraternally yours,
C. F. MARTIN,
Secretary

S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union No. 18, will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk street, San Francisco on Sunday afternoon, December 20, 1959, at one o'clock.

Fraternally yours,
HORACE STAFFORD
Secretary

Students in Texas get right to jobless wage

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Employment Commission has unanimously upheld the right of students to draw unemployment compensation when they are unable to find work during off-school hours.

The landmark decision, handed down in a case sparked by the Texas State AFL-CIO, reversed many previous 2-1 decisions in which students were denied jobless benefits solely because they were unavailable for work during "normal working hours" of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — AFLCIO News.

Labor supplies vaccine for all in the county

MONROE, Mich. — Free polio vaccine has been provided for all children in Monroe county, with the compliments of the County AFLCIO. More than 350 children have received their first two inoculations at the Philip Murray building here, with the final shot scheduled for February.

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Labor held not to blame for creeping inflation

WASHINGTON — The "creeping inflation" that characterized the period from 1955 to 1957 was not caused by wage increases but by the free-wheeling capital goods spending boom that brought a 25 percent jump in capital spending in two years.

These views are contained in a study prepared for the Joint Economic Committee of Congress by Prof. Charles L. Schultze of Indiana University, a former member of the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers. — AFLCIO News.

Ladies Garment Workers will demand fire drills

NEW YORK — The Ladies' Garment Workers' have announced plans to seek provisions in all contracts making shop fire drills mandatory and sanctioning safety inspections by the ILGWU's volunteer shop fire wardens.

At the same time, the union disclosed that the New York Fire Department had praised the ILGWU's warden program, crediting the plan for reducing the number of fires in garment shops here by nearly 18 percent in the past year. — AFLCIO News.



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The Classroom Teacher, published by the Berkeley Federation of Teachers, AFLCIO, said recently:

The Board has approved a discipline policy allowing teachers to "forcibly remove," "spank," and "strap" any obstreperous child who hinders the learning process of his classmates. The BFT firmly believes in the supremacy of reason over force, yet realizes the efficacy of a "firm hand" with many of our younger students, so long as such methods do not become ends in themselves. The BFT will never condone any such action which is characteristic of Puritan or Prussian schoolmasters.

The BFT is concerned with the recalcitrant student who deliberately flouts reason and authority, and displays utter contempt for his peers and teachers. We speak of the student who should be considered for expulsion. We are aware of the district's hesitancy to expel a student, but we are unaware of the reasons involved.

It is essential that the community be made aware of its responsibilities to the children of Berkeley. The schools were never intended to cope with the many facets of a child's behavior. The community has a moral responsibility to allow the teachers to assume their status as teachers in order to fulfill their role in educating the students.

The teacher's function is to aid and encourage the intellectual and aesthetic growth of his students. It was never intended, nor should it be, that a teacher assume the role of big brother, father, mother, nursemaid, policeman, or psychiatrist.

'Points' gyp on loans rapped by Consumer Counsel, Brown

California's new Consumer Counsel has told Governor Edmund G. Brown that she hopes to make recommendations on ways to correct rising interest rates and the practice of charging "points" on home loans in addition to interest.

These are "two forces," she said, which are particularly endangering the interests of consumers.

"The Federal Government is paying 5 percent on the money it borrows," Mrs. Nelson told Governor Brown. "That automatically sets a floor under the interest rates which the consumer must pay."

She explained that the consumer's credit is not considered as good as that of the Federal Government and that he must therefore pay higher rates.

When a lending institution charging 7 percent for a home loan also asks for points, Mrs. Nelson said, it "sounds like bankers' jargon to the home buyer."

"Actually, this is interest, too," she said, "and there is an increase in the cost of the loan of 1 percent for each point demanded by the lender. It is a premium which the home buyer must pay for the privilege of borrowing money."

Governor Brown said he asked Mrs. Nelson for recommendation on the subject because "we are giving a monopoly to savings and loan associations (which make many home loans) and what we are giving them is a license to charge extraordinary interest rates."

"You might advise us whether to throw open this industry so that anyone can get into it and make it more competitive or whether we need more licensing

regulations," the Governor told Mrs. Nelson.

He said a government which raises taxes is criticized for the action, "and rightly so," but that increases in interest rates also constitute a tax on the consumer.

Governor Brown previously has said that the high interest and tight money policies of the Eisenhower Administration are actually promoting inflation in the name of fighting it, while doing nothing to help the welfare of the people.

Discrimination on age is denounced

Employment discrimination based on age was denounced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, as being "as morally outrageous and economically wasteful for both the individual and society as it is when founded on racial and religious grounds."

In a statement submitted on November 20 to the Assembly Interim Committee on Industrial Relations, Haggerty emphasized the serious need for inclusion of old age discrimination under California's fair employment statute.

In certain occupations today, the state AFLCIO leader observed, a man can be old at thirty or even in his twenties. — California Labor Federation.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

'The critical moment of the steel strike has arrived,' says Ross

Larry Ross, president of Commercial Telegraphers 208 says in a bulletin to the union:

The critical moment of the steel strike has arrived. In a few weeks the strikers will receive a secret ballot from the Government to vote rejection or acceptance of the latest company offer.

As you know, the negotiators for the steel workers have rejected the company offer because it is sprinkled with legal gimmicks that would rob 100,000 steel workers of their jobs through innocent looking work rule changes.

If the strikers reject the company offer they will move out to the picket line on January 26; it's a tough decision to make after walking the picket lines for months; especially in the heart of winter.

If they accept the company offer and the company wins on the work rule issue, every working man and woman in the land, whether they belong to a union or not, will suffer.

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DINING CAR COOKS and Waiters have turned over \$111 recently to the steel strikers. Tom Anderson, secretary, told the Central Labor Council that "I hope their kids are getting plenty of nice milk out of the money."

Civil rights news is asked by Fed

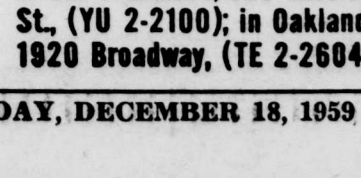
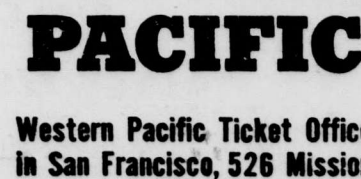
Central labor bodies in the state are being urged to inform the California Labor Federation of their activities in the field of civil rights.

A questionnaire to develop this information has been sent out statewide by the Federation's standing Committee on Civil Rights, headed by Vice President Albin J. Gruhn of Eureka.

The civil rights committee program calls for informing local central bodies and affiliates that the California Labor Federation staff and committee are available for consultation on local discrimination problems and for assistance in developing and servicing local civil rights programs. — California Labor Federation.

GROUCHO MARX, says the Washington Teamster, "has an automobile manufacturer behind those cigars of his, and the car makers aren't what you would call big pals of the wage earners when it comes to deciding what wages should be."

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Transit District commences battle with Key System

What the Alameda - Contra Costa Transit District called in a press release "the big multi-million dollar showdown between Key System" and the Transit District was getting under way this week.

The Transit District in an election October 20 won authorization from the voters for a 16½ million bond issue, with organized labor backing the proposal.

The district has brought a condemnation suit against Key, and hearings began this week before the Public Utilities Commission.

The district wishes to buy only part of the company's equipment, and the company contends it should buy all.

Listed in the condemnation proceedings are 276 diesel buses bought by Key between 1947 and 1958, three maintenance and storage yards in East Oakland, Emeryville and Richmond, a station and loading area at 40th St. and San Pablo Ave., trucks and other vehicles, fare boxes, furniture and office equipment, motor coach and garage equipment and radio dispatch equipment.

A total of \$6,600,000 has been allowed by district consultants as the outside price for Key facilities contained in the condemnation suit.

FREE POLIO SHOTS of Salk vaccine are available for citizens and their families throughout Oakland districts, and should be taken, whatever one's age, says Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Hellender.



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BTC asks State Government to make mortgage cash available

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has always been self-supporting—this should be the same—the mortgages would be FHA insured and guaranteed by the Federal Government so there could be no losses to the State.

"Copies of our request to the Governor should be sent to all locals and Building Trades Councils in the State for the broadest possible support."

HOME BUILDING SLUMP

During the discussion of the proposal to appeal to the Governor and Legislature in the tight money crisis, Childers said that as things are now going, one of the worst slumps in home building in the history of the nation is on the way.

"Even if the Administration were to change at the next election," he said, "it would take years to get back onto a reasonably normal basis."

He pointed out that the Pennsylvania law providing for loans at 5¼ instead of the FHA rate of 6¼ means that the purchaser of a home in the middle bracket pays \$15 per month less for 30 years on his home.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304,

and C. E. Risley, Carpenters 36, were among the delegates joining in the discussion.

All agreed that the only persons who would "suffer" from the carrying out of the proposal would be those bankers who are now getting big incomes from the high interest rates.

Among the points brought out in the discussion was that there is believed to be a considerable amount of money lying in small banks in the East which would be quickly invested in the State bonds at 4% or thereabout on which the 5¼ loans to home buyers would be made.

EBMUD STAND BACKED

The delegates voted to support the East Bay Municipal Utilities District in its protest against the proposal of the State Fish & Game Commission that the district release 80,000,000 gallons of water to make it possible for more salmon to ascend certain streams for breeding.

BTC CONTRACTS

It was announced that council contracts had been signed by Laurel Enterprises Inc. and Amalgamated Construction Co. Inc.

Senator Engle of California assails steel owners policy

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Chaudet, representing the Newspaper Guild, and manager of East Bay Labor Journal, pointed out the difficulty this paper has had in getting detailed and complete data on just how and where money for the Steel Strike Fund should be sent.

Authorization of Secretary Robert S. Ash to send letters of protest against Groucho Marx's attack on the steel strikers was on a motion made by a Bill Zubiate of the Paint Makers, who read to the delegates his notes, taken while Marx was talking.

The settlement with the big can manufacturing companies covers 25,000 members of the Steelworkers at American Can, and 20,000 more at Continental, and is geared to a 30-cent per hour economic package. Can

manufacturing is a highly competitive field in which profit margins are substantially lower than those of the giant steel producers, the AFLCIO News Service pointed out, yet the can companies felt able to settle on reasonable terms.

Among the clauses pointed out by Polveroso was one stating that those now on pension and those retiring after January 1, 1960, shall receive hospital and medical insurance with full cost paid by the company; and a clause improving group insurance so that a person who is laid off will be covered for six months instead of two weeks, provided he has two years of accredited service with the company. Polveroso pointed out the importance of this clause in a seasonal industry such as can making.

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This was the plea made to the Central Labor Council this week by Jack Strelo, organizer for the Western Council of Teamsters.

Strelo said pies of the above brand names are being made by Bright's Food in Turlock, where the regular workers are on strike against conditions including wages as much as 60 cents per hour under those paid by competitive plants.

Strelo said that Bright's is replacing the strikers with a larger number of workers, and he suspects that this is due to the new Labor Act, which permits both strikers and scabs to vote in a representational election. Hire more scabs, and you get more votes when the election comes around, says Strelo!

Meanwhile, he says, please don't eat those pies!

Soledad prisoners enjoy union show

Musicians Local No. 6, and the American Guild of Variety Artists again combined forces to take a gala Christmas Show to Soledad State Prison, Tuesday, December 15, for the enjoyment of the inmates of that institution.

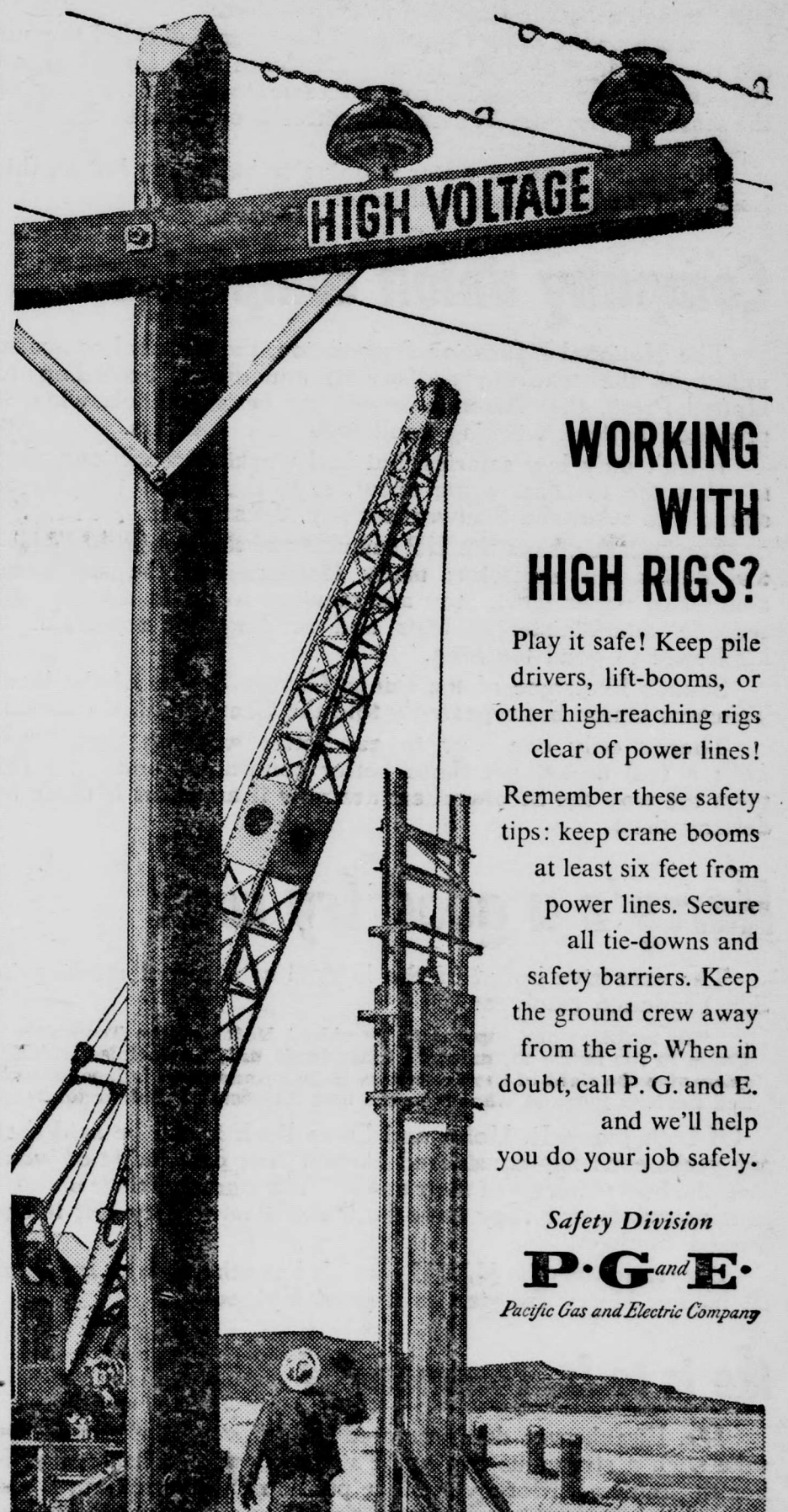
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State Commerce Chamber says we're Socialists

A big fight over the \$1,750,000,000 State Water Plan which goes to the voters in November of next year is shaping up, with the California grange and organized labor on the one side, and the corporation farmers and the big urban interests on the other.

Not a bit worried about "unjust enrichment" of themselves or their buddies, the magnificos of the State Chamber of Commerce have gone on record as opposed to the 160-acre limitation being part of the State water arrangements.

Edward R. Valentine, president of this august body of representatives of the well-to-do and the hope-to-do-better told the assembled magnates that "water is our lifeblood in California and we are opposed to its use to promote Socialism."

So now we're Socialists again—and doubtless will be Communists again by the time the going gets hot.

Just before the State Chamber of Commerce decided to pour out the last drop of water to save the State from Socialism, an Associated Press dispatch from Sacramento said a majority of the Assembly Interim Water Committee is opposed to the acreage limitation proposal.

Obviously, political water is going to be boiling hot on this issue. Let 'er boil—it's a real issue!

Company union complains

The National Education Association, the national company union of the teaching profession, announces, according to United Press, that America would get better schools when it provided better "working conditions" for teachers.

It isn't only low salaries, but bad working conditions, that is what the teachers gripe about, says the NEA. (Begins to sound like what the Steelworkers say, doesn't it?)

For instance, says the UP summary of the statement, "clerical duties are excessive; many teachers feel the enormous amount of paper work they are required to do in maintaining records, administering tests and sending out reports is a hindrance to good teaching."

Sounds like some of the things George Stokes of the local Teachers Union has repeatedly told the Central Labor Council.

There's only one way to get better working conditions: form a real union, get those better conditions, and fight for them the way the Steelworkers are now if an effort is made to destroy them.

Harry's a good fry cook

The executive board of the ILWU at a recent meeting in San Francisco resolved:

"To reaffirm our support to President Hoffa of the Teamsters Union in his battle to maintain basic trade union principles which guarantee the right of the Teamsters to be autonomous, independent, and the best judge of what is in the best interests of their union."

Of both James R. Hoffa and Dave Beck it can be said that for years each has considered himself "the best judge of what is in the best interests of their union." The phrase, "their union," is appropriate, for they have both acted as if they felt it belonged to them.

But what does the ILWU care? It has other fish to fry. And its leader, Harry Bridges, is a good fry cook.

Ike is to be commended

Mr. Eisenhower deserves credit for having the courage to take such a strenuous trip as he's been taking, considering his health problems. Moreover, since public relations smiling is the thing he does best, and since he's never very busy at home, the trip seems a good way for him to spend his time.

The present Duke of Windsor as Prince of Wales was a good salesman for his Empire, though as a King he rather fizzled out. Mr. Eisenhower, too, is a very good salesman.

As soon as possible

The California Highway Patrol is sending out press releases delicately hinting that drunken driving and Christmas driving are often synonymous.

This coming week, the week before the Big Day, is a particularly dangerous traffic period.

Or does it do any good to bring up this subject? Do most people wish to die happy, and as soon as possible?



OPINIONS

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WOMEN'S HATS

Editor, Labor Journal:

I'd like to take up the challenge thrown down by the item from the New York Times reprinted on your women's page November 27, entitled "Why don't they wear hats?" In the first place, that question takes too much for granted. You know how women are: some do and some don't, some will and some won't. Now, back East there, the Times found "eight passerby on Fifth Avenue" who don't; but if we are going to quote authorities, let's select one who carries more weight on this subject than the said Times. When it comes to women on the streets, my authority is none other than Mae West, who confesses in her recent autobiography:

"Hats have been almost a passion with me all my life. I have always owned more hats than one head could ever possibly wear. I have had shelves and boxes filled with hats that I never wear outside the room they are in. I take them out of the closet and amuse myself for an hour or so trying them on before the mirror, and then put them away again. I find this a pleasant and relaxing pastime. It may have some psychological meaning. I have never bothered to analyze it. Why try a head-shrinking technique on anything so delightful?"

To be sure, Mae West can hardly be classified as a woman's woman, but who wants to be? Maybe her approach was: "Come up and see my hats sometime." This might be a womanly improvement on etchings, but in any case her secret is out.

Is this a case of East versus West? Not a bit. Let's turn to a back-East magazine dear to the heart of every woman whether she's a sweet-young-thing or a femme fatale—Vogue. While it may be a deplorable comment, rationally speaking, on American women, most of them get their line—figuratively and literally—from this oracle. Here's their prediction in a recent issue, entitled "Vogue's-eye view of who wears a hat:"

"Who doesn't wear a hat, right now, is the woman who's deliberately bent on passing up one of the greatest outbreaks of fashion-ecstasy to come out of Paris in years. Who does wear a hat? A well-documented group of the smartest women on three continents; women known for the sureness and sharpness of their fashion-sensitivity. Why? Because they've twigged that this year the hat is not just

a part, but often the grand coup of a costume."

Well, that ought to give the grand coup de grace to those eight women on Fifth Avenue who had nothing on above the ears. You may perhaps charge me with having a vested, or hatted, interest in this matter, as the representative of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Union. I plead guilty. As a unionist I agree with Sam Gompers when he summarized the aim of the labor movement as "More!" Surely he meant not only more bread but more roses too. And despite the utilitarian purposes served by millinery (it will rain some day in California), I personally tend to classify hats among the roses of the earth. And to top it all: this rose comes union-made!

So: Hats on to hats!

Sincerely,
ANNE DRAPER,
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A DESPISED WORD

I have grown to despise a particular word. That word is "compromise." Have you noticed how everybody is moderate these days? Everybody is rushing toward the middle ground . . . This type of so-called moderate will be caught up and squeezed in the very middle he has created for himself. — The Rev. Robert McNeill, white minister who lost his pulpit in Columbus, Ga., because he advocated "creative contact" between whites and Negroes.

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ON GROWING UP

The number of times in my life when I have done an about-face on social questions so astounds me, as I look over my shoulder, that I am led to counsel younger men not to lock themselves in too hard on those favorite biases which we form so readily between twenty and forty. — Clarence B. Randall, retired industrialist.

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BRIGHT ANSWER

A man was undergoing a test of suitability for the police force and was asked: "What would you do in order to break up an angry crowd?"

He thought for a moment. "Take up a collection," he replied.

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THOSE BIG DAMS

The Republicans vote against 'em—and then dedicate 'em. — Oregon Labor Press.

POLITICAL WARNING TO BUSINESS

Business has plunged into the hurly-burly of politics in an attempt to extend its basic economic power into the area of political decision.

The whys and wherefores of large business firms sending executives to seminars on politics, getting them to ring doorbells, run for public office and become involved in the practical realities of precinct organization is set forth very clearly in the December issue of Fortune magazine:

"In a simple power struggle with more numerous groups in the population," says Fortune in describing the article, Corporations Make Politics Their Business, "business is always destined, under modern conditions, to be beaten."

"Aware of past setbacks, many businessmen are warning against the banana peels on the political path. But if it can discover and demonstrate the propositions in which this society as a whole has a continuing stake, business may exert a profoundly constructive influence on the future."

The Fortune piece is a full-dress review of the current status of business in the political world. There are two trends, says Fortune, the intensified interest in practical politics and "a strenuous reaching for political principle."

The programs for practical politics, says Fortune, stem from "fear of the political power of organized labor" and the need "to organize a countervailing movement."

But this in itself—"a simple struggle for power through competing group organizations"—could only lead to disaster, says Fortune, unless an understanding of political principles of democratic government are achieved.

Labor is not against the American system "or even committed to class struggle with management," says Fortune. But labor does manage to define its aims and establish its values on a relatively narrow front, it comments, and if business follows suit and fights on each issue, "it will lose." — AFL-CIO News.

Dissenters

Every dissenter who is worth his salt—better, every dissenter who wants to be numbered among the salt of the earth—is primarily concerned about some positive value that he wants not only to assert for himself but to recommend to others. He is to be judged in terms of that value.

Adolph Hitler is not to be excused because he started as a dissenter in the Germany of the Twenties. Angry men, young or old — assertive nonconformists, although not of Hitler's stripe—have no great value to themselves, much less to society, if they are merely angry, merely objectors to the dominant institutions and ideas of their time.

While it is a wholesome sign of our era that beatniks, the practitioners of the "school of unthink," are tolerated, it is an unwholesome sign that they are so often applauded, even by conventional Organization Men and Women, perhaps by way of compensation for their own enforced conformities. — Norman Thomas in N. Y. Times.

Chosen few

Who owns America's corporations? Senator William Proxmire (D-Wisc.) said the Treasury had informed him that "less than 1 percent—in fact 0.64 percent—of the families in America own 80 percent of the stocks in American corporations."

It's not hard to figure out how few people are getting the gravy. — UMW Journal